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1. WE ARE MYSTIFIED BY LANGUAGE OF REFS A AND B
SUGGESTING THAT TALKS ON CHARTERS ARE CONSIDERED
AS DEFINITELY SCHEDULED FOR MAY 21. THIS IS NOT
THE CASE.

2. IDEA FOR INFORMAL TALKS ON CHARTERS IN MAY
WAS ONLY EMBASSY SUGGESTION (REF C) AND DOZ WAS NON-
COMMITTAL (REF D) WHEN WE APPRISED HIM OF OUR
HAVING MADE THAT SUGGESTION TO DEPT. WE DID NOT
PURSUE SUGGESTION WITH ECAC IN ABSENCE OF DEPT.'S
REACTION WHICH WAS SOLICITED IN REF (E) BUT WHICH
HAS NOT BEEN FORTHCOMING NOTWITHSTANDING PARA 2
REF (F).

3. IN VIEW OF REFS A AND B, HOWEVER, WE SOUNDED
OUT DOZ CONCERNING POSSIBILITY OF SCHEDULING CHARTER
TALKS MAY 21 AND FOUND HIM COMPLETELY NEGATIVE.

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HE SAID THAT POSSIBILITY OF ENGAGING IN INFORMAL

EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH US ON PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING PROGRAM OF ACTION HAD BEEN FURTHER DISCUSSED WITHIN ECAC AND THERE WAS GENERAL OPPOSITION TO HAVING ANY TALKS WITH US AT THIS STAGE. DOZ SAID HE COULD STILL NOT GIVE US CATEGORICAL ASSURANCE ECAC WOULD BE READY FOR SUCH TALKS BY MID-JUNE (REF C), THOUGH HE THOUGHT THAT SITUATION WOULD BECOME MUCH CLEARER AFTER MEETING OF ECAC DIRECTORS GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 7. WE POINTED OUT THAT REGARDLESS OF STATE OF PROGRESS OF WORK WITHIN ECAC WE WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THAT ECAC DELS WOULD AT LEAST WELCOME OPPORTUNITY TO BE ENLIGHTENED ON PROGRESS OF US THINKING THIS AREA SINCE LAST NOVEMBER'S TRILATERAL TALKS. WE ADDED THAT IF INFORMAL "MEETING" WAS EFFECTIVELY RULED OUT WE MIGHT WANT NONETHELESS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE PRESENCE IN PARIS OF US DEL TO HAVE HIGHLY INFORMAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH DOZ, PERHAPS OVER LUNCHEON. DOZ SAID HE WOULD BE HAPPY TO MEET WITH US BUT HE WARNED THAT HE WAS UNDER STRICT INSTRUCTIONS ONLY TO LISTEN.

4. DOZ ADMITTED THAT THERE WERE OTHER CHARTER MATTERS, E.G., PENDING CAB REGULATIONS TO WHICH ECAC HAS TAKEN EXCEPTION, THAT MIGHT USEFULLY BE DISCUSSED NEXT WEEK. HOWEVER, PROBLEM WAS THAT WITH EXCEPTION OF THREE DIRECTORS GENERAL ALL NATIONAL PARTICIPANTS AT FARES MEETING WOULD BE FARES SPECIALISTS; NO CHARTER EXPERTS ARE SCHEDULED TO ATTEND. MOREOVER, MAY 21 HAS BEEN SET ASIDE FOR CAUCUS BY ECAC DELEGATION IN PREPARATION FOR FOLLOWING DAY'S TALKS ON FARES WITH US AND CANADA.

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5. TO SUM UP, NO CHARTER TALKS ARE SCHEDULED FOR MAY 21. ECAC CONTINUES TO REFUSE TO BE DRAWN INTO EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AT THIS STAGE ON PROGRESS TOWARD IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAM OF ACTION. IF THERE ARE OTHER CHARTER MEASURES THAT DEPT. AND CAB WISH HAVE OPPORTUNITY DISCUSS WITH ECAC NEXT WEEK, AND IN COURSE OF THAT DISCUSSION PERHAPS OURSELVES RAISE QUESTION OF PROGRAM OF ACTION IN EFFORT INFLUENCE FUTURE DIRECTION OF ECAC PLANNING, THEN EMBASSY MUST BE INSTRUCTED SOONEST TO PROPOSE FORMALLY TO ECAC THAT CHARTER TALKS BE SCHEDULED FOR MAY 21 AND TO ADVANCE SUGGESTED AGENDA. AFTER OUR TALK WITH DOZ WE CANNOT BE SURE THAT ECAC AUTHORITIES WILL RESPOND POSITIVELY TO SUCH A PROPOSAL AT THIS LATE DATE, BUT WE ARE WILLING TO GIVE IT A TRY IF DEPARTMENT SO DESIRES. IN THAT CASE, SEPARATE, DIRECT MESSAGE FROM MEADOWS TO VERES MIGHT BE HELPFUL IN ADDITION TO WHATEVER ACTION WE WOULD TAKE HERE WITH DOZ.

6. IMMEDIATE REPLY REQUESTED BY OPENING OF BUSINESS MAY 17.

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